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Major Gen Nicolai Roubenko, Soviet MA Ankara returned my arrival call 15 July. His view as follows:

A. Four fired Presidium members were old Stalinists, aggressive to West, could not rpt not accept peaceful coexistence and required war production to disadvantage consumer goods. When they presented views to Central Committee they were voted down and removed.

B. Rule is not rpt not by individual but by collective leadership of Central Committee.

C. Zhukov backed Khrushchev. With Khrushchev there can be understanding with US. Zhukov and Eisenhower are friends. Roubenko sees Zhukov going soon to US.

D. Iron curtain is figment of US press. When I suggested I visit Ashkent, Alma Ata, Samarkand and Bukhara Roubenko said there is nothing to stop me and suggested itinerary include Baku and passage across Caspian.

E. Said Polish born Marshal Rokossovsky invited to be War Min Poland by Beirut. Now Poland does not rpt not want him longer so Marshal as good soldier saluted and left. Now rpt now Zhukov staff.

F. Mention of Hungary brought unhappy grunts.

Roubenko obviously anxious friendly relations. Call lasted one hour.

Comment: Interesting to note Roubenko, knowing ouster four member Presidium hot subj, could have delayed call. Hence assume his answer this question well prepared in advance.

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